

CITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENTS

Fire

What are the current response times for each of the sectors for which AFD is requesting construction of new stations? **The following are the average response times in FY'11 for the specified geographical areas;**

Grand Avenue Parkway	8.0 minutes
Loop 360	7.4 minutes
Onion Creek	9.4 minutes
Travis County	8.3 minutes

What would be the new response times for AFD personnel in each of the sectors if the requested stations were built? **The following are the average projected response times for the proposed stations:**

Grand Avenue Parkway	7.3 minutes
Loop 360	6.1 minutes
Onion Creek	7.0 minutes
Travis Country	7.0 minutes

What is the current staffing capacity of Fire Station # 1 (Downtown)? If not funded, what are the capacity challenges? **The full time staffing at station #1 is 13 fire fighters and 2 paramedics per shift. AFD and A/TCEMS have three shifts that work out of station 1 for a total of 45 firefighters/paramedics. Station 1, built in 1939, is over capacity with regard to living/work space and apparatus space. Station 1 is the city's busiest with over 6200 calls last year. With increased growth of downtown Austin hi-rises and taking into consideration the Downtown Austin Plan, the fire department will continue to be challenged to provide increased services due to the limited infrastructure at station 1.**